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Bulletin

Describes current developments or general trends regarding threats of terrorism.

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Significant Counterterrorism (CT) Issues:

ISIS REASSERTS GLOBAL REACH FOR RAMADAN 2019



ISIS has orchestrated an annual campaign of intensified attacks around the Islamic holy month of Ramadan since 2012, first in Iraq and then globally. It has sustained this recurring surge in its global operations every year despite its concurrent territorial losses in Iraq and Syria.

<http://iswresearch.blogspot.com/2019/05/isis-reasserts-global-reach-for-ramadan.html>

HEZBOLLAH OPERATIVE KOURANI CONVICTED ON TERRORISM CHARGES

Kourani became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 2009, and only afterward began to identify and scout targets for potential terror attacks. Court documents show that Kourani's handler would not task him operationally until Kourani received his citizenship so as not to put the naturalization process in jeopardy.



<https://www.fdd.org/analysis/2019/05/21/hezbollah-operative-ali-kourani-convicted-on-terrorism-charges/>

FBI: 850 OPEN INVESTIGATIONS INTO DOMESTIC TERRORISM



The FBI has more than 850 open investigations into domestic terrorism across the country, and the threat continues to grow, top counterterrorism officials said recently. FBI, Justice Department and Homeland Security officials gave testimony before a congressional committee on homegrown hate and violence.

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/fbi-850-open-investigations-into-domestic-terrorism>

Significant Counterintelligence Issues:

CHINA STEALING FOREIGN MILITARY TECH IN POWER RACE: REPORT

China continues building up its military to transform from regional power to "world-class," investing heavily in modernization and expanding its global influence, according to a new Pentagon report.

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/china-stealing-foreign-military-technology-race-world-power/story?id=62785573>





'THE SHADOW WAR': HOW A CHINESE SPY STOLE FROM THE PENTAGON



Stephen Su, lived in his native China but traveled frequently to the United States and Canada, to build a business in aviation and aerospace. His company, Lode-Tech, was a small player in a field of giants. However, from 2009 to 2014, Su steadily and deliberately built a network of close business contacts inside far bigger Canadian defense contractors, and US who held the most sensitive US military contracts.

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/05/14/politics/shadow-war-chinese-spy/index.html>

THE SAGA OF THE CHINESE MOLE READS LIKE A SPY THRILLER

This saga has a classic thriller plot, in which a suspect must find the real villain to clear his name. Unfortunately, most of the details of the true-life version remain secret, under seal at the U.S. attorney's office in Alexandria or in the vaults of the CIA. Knowledgeable sources sketched parts of the story that are not classified.



https://www.realcleardefense.com/2019/05/09/the_saga_of_the_chinese_mole_reads_like_a_spy_thriller_307975.html

Analyst Notes – Items to Watch:

The ISIS Caliphate is gone; however, the radical Jihadist mindset behind it has only “gone to ground.” ISIS in Syria/Iraq are still making their presence felt and many ISIS survivors have scattered across the globe. The worldwide Jihadist movement continues its bloody attacks, even in the Muslim Holy season of Ramadan. Al-Qaeda and its affiliates continue attacks worldwide, calling for violence aimed at the United States and the West. The terrorist threat to the United States is not only from Islamic radicals, but also from extreme political radicals (both left and right) inside the United States. Chinese espionage continues unabated against the United States with Huawei and others now blacklisted by the U.S. Chinese intelligence collection is widespread across the United States as China pursues advanced technology and R&D. Theft and economic espionage from China's vast intelligence apparatus continues to affect every facet of U.S. industry; including NASA. The NASA CI/CT division continues to monitor these threats and any others that have the potential to harm NASA or its equities.

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